Dreadfull Newes:
OR
A true Relation of the Great, Violent and late *Earthquake.*

Hapned the 27. day of *March*, Stilo Romano laſt, at *Callabria*, in the Kingdome of *Naples*, about the houres of three and foure in the afternoone, to the over-throw and ruine of many Cities, Townes, and Caſtles, and the death of above fifty thouſand perſons.

With the names of the principall of the ſayd Cities, Townes and Caſtles, deſtroyed by the ſaid Earthquake, according to the Originall Printed and publiſhed by Authority at *Venice.*

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A True RELATION OF A GREAT and violent Earthquake happened in *Callabria* the 27. of *March*, 1638. *Stilo Romano*, to the overthrow of Eight great Cities, Twenty foure Townes, and about *fifty Thousand persons.*

I Have oftentimes considered with my selfe in the depth of my serious Meditations, the most remarkable Prodigies, and Accidents that have happened since the Birth of our Savi-

our *Chriſt*, to this very Time wherein wee now are : and though I confeſſe, that old Authors have left them to us in the writings both terrible and feare-full, and ſo horrid to the Learned of thoſe times, and to the Aged of thoſe dayes, that it afforded them matter and Subiect ſufficient of relating and writing the ſame to the Ages and Times that ſhall ſucceed them, and were accompanied with ſuch terrours to thoſe that then were the Eye-witneſſes thereof, that the ſame cauſed them to be, as the *Scripture* hath it, at their wits end, and tooke from them as then, all manner of life and motion, bringing therewith to thoſe that onely heard thereof, though farre diſtant, both a wonderfull amazement and an exceeding aſtoniſhment, both of body and minde : the moſt notable that have beene obſerved, have fallen out and happen'd contrary to the uſuall and common courſe of Nature, as

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the apparition of many Sunnes at one and the ſelfe-ſame inſtant of time, and that happened in the yeere of our Lord 64. and in the yeere of our Lord 438. beſides the three Sunnes that appeared and was manifeſted to the view of all beholders, wherein the figure of a naked Monſter appeared, whoſe body bore three Heads of humane forme. The ſaid ſtrange Accidents in the Firmament by the apparition of many Sunnes was alſo ſeene in the yeeres 1429, 1452, and 1480. accompanied alwayes with horrible Tempeſts, cruell Lightnings, and with violent Thundrings and rumors in the Ayre. Beſides which, at other times were ſeene Dragons with three Heads, with many Baſilisks and flying Serpents, combatting and fighting againſt Armies of Horſe and Foote, as in the yeeres of our Lord 984. and 995. At other times alſo were ſeene fiery Pillars of immeaſurable greatneſſe and

length, the moſt remarkable of which happened Twelve yeeres after the comming of our Redeemer *Chriſt Jeſus*, and ſo alſo the ſame in the yeeres of 372. 1560. and 1569.

Againe, at one and the ſelfe-ſame time were ſeene flying Baſilisks and fiery Pillars, as in the yeeres of our Lord 1585. and oftentimes have been ſeene Swords, Darts, and other Martiall Weapons; and armed Horſe and Foote-men which have combatted together, and have beene ſeene the one ſide to overthrow and put to rout the other, as in the yeere of our Lord 71. and in the yeere 1526.

In the Iſland of *Cyprus*, now under the Subiection of the Grand *Turke*, in the yeere of our Lord 78. did appeare in the Firmament, to the terrour of the beholders, Foure men of a large ſtature and greatneſſe, cloathed with Fire, and armed with horrible Darts, and Comets: Likewiſe it is recorded that

two Hundred in one place, would doubtleſſe affright the moſt hardy and undaunted courage of the moſt reſolute and valiant: and what living Soule would not be affraid thereat? and this happened in the yeere 570. in *Italy*, and ſome yeeres after in the Kingdome of *France*.

In our times to heare of *Earthquakes*, and ſee the motion and removall of the Land in this or in that part of the World, to ſee the Ayre infected, to feele the contagious Plague and Peſtilence, and to underſtand of the great Mortality of Mankind is ordinary: to heare the Stones of that flaming and evaporating Hill *Veſuvius* neare the City of *Naples*, ſome yeeres paſt, who thruſt and belched from its bowells ſuch abundance of flame, ſmoake, and aſhes, with ſo much hurt, harme, and univerſall preiudice to the poore neighbouring Inhabitants, and to the Citizens of that flouriſhing City is every

that in *Conſtantinople*, the *Metropolis* of the preſent Empire of the *Turkes*, in the yeere of our Lord 432. it powred downe or hailed (if I may ſo tearme it) a ſtorme of Stones: and in the City of *Tolledo* in *Spaine* in the ſame yeere was ſeene in the Ayre ſtrange Diabolicall figures and ſhapes, which moved much the beholders both to feare and horrour.

At other times have beene alſo ſeene many Croſſes in the Firmament, ſometimes to the number of Seven and Eight, with fiery Comets, accompanied with other prodigies, and this happened in the yeere of our Lord, 1228. and 1321. and in concluſion to avoid prolixity in the recounting and numbring of ſo many ſtrange and terrible Accidents, (that Marble it ſelfe would be affraid if it were any way capable of feare and frighting) To ſee it raine a quantity of humane Corps, and to fall from the Skies to the number of

every where publiſhed. I therefore willingly here omit the Relation of thoſe other remarkable & memorable *Earthquakes* which have happened in ſundry parts, and divers Kingdomes of the World, which though they are confeſſed to be great, and horrid, and accompanied with the Mortality and Death of many perſons, yet notwithſtanding the terrour thereof, the ſame hath not ſo much daunted and amazed the hearts and courages of men as this now late *Earthquake* hath done, that happened the 27. day of *March* laſt, 1638. according to the *Romane* Account, about the Houres of 21. and 22. according to their Computation; and according to the *Engliſh* the 17. of *March*, 1637. and betweene Three and Foure of the Clocke in the Afternoone, being *Saturday*, and accounted the Feaſt-day of *Saint Patricke* the *Iriſh Saint*, in the Province of *Callabria* the Inferiour, part of the notable and

plentifull Countrey and Kingdome of *Naples*, which hath proved ſo univerſall a ſcourge to that Province, and unto that part of the Countrey, that the Tongue of Man cannot poſſibly recount the ſame, nor the leaſt part of the affliction which that miſerable people, the Inhabitants which are yet remaining thereabouts, have ſuffered: what ſudden and unexpected ſuffocations by water did ſome endure! What openings of the Earth were ſeene, where the bodies of ſome were in part or in whole impriſon'd and ſtifled! how many are diſtraught with the terrour of the motions of the Hills and Mountaines! and how many ſlain and ruin'd with the fall of their Habitations and Manſions! how many lie cover'd now in Death with that covering, which in Life defended them by Night and Day both from the *Summers* Sun and the *Winters* cold! how many were within doores ſlaine, before they could

could get out, and how many periſhed in the fields ere they could returne to their Cities and Houſes. The husband was aſwell unmindfull of his deareſt Wife, as the tender Mother was of her neareſt and deareſt Children: The Maſter commanded in vaine; and the Servant had no time to obey for feare of death: ſome ranne to the Houſe tops for ſafety, and ſome to their Vaults and Sellers, yet both found their ruine alike: ſo that thoſe horrours this Earthquake was accompanyed with, attended upon the inhabitants both at home and abroad, both within their doores, and abroad in their fields; here was no leaſure for to ſend for a Prieſt, nor no time for adminiſtration of the *Sacrament*; but onely that is in Chriſtian Charity to be beleeved, that every one beſeeched the pitty and goodneſſe of the Almighty and moſt mercifull God for pardon for

their ſinnes, who though he ſometimes in Iuſtice chaſtiſeth and ſcourgeth, yet willeth notwithſtanding our totall perdition, and eſpecially of ſo many ſoules redeemed by the power of his precious blood, and by him ſo dearely loved.

We then, like loving Children towards ſo gracious and good a Father, with correſpondent ſincere affection, and pure hearts, ought alwaies ſo to live, as to be prepared for ſuch, or the like ſuddaine accidents and dangers, having recourſe to the footeſtoole of his mercy Seate, imploring there his aide, helpe, and protection, and flying and avoyding all occaſions of offending ſo gracious and mercifull a God, who is bent ever to puniſh the wicked, and to be merciful to the iuſt and penitent, thereby mitigating his iuſt wrath and vengeance, the which by how much it is for-flowed, is by ſo much the more to bee feared to increaſe.

And

And now becauſe that from *Meſſina* in *Sicilia*, and from *Coſſenſa* in *Apulia*, the generality of theſe accidents is come unto us, I have thought it fitting to nominate the principall and chiefe of theſe Cities, Townes, Caſtles, and Signories which have ſuffer'd, and are ruin'd and deſtroyed by this ſo great and heavy a ſcourge, wereby every man may reſt truely and really ſatisfied with the certainty thereof.

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The names of the Principall Cities and Caſtles deſtroyed by the Earth-quake are theſe, &c.

THe *City* of *Nicaſtero*, which is wholly deſtroyed and ruined downe to the ground.

The City of *Monterano* alſo wholly deſtroyed.

The City of *Nocera* alſo wholly deſtroyed.

The City of *Caſtalione* wholly deſtroyed : the Prince thereof was

was here reſiding, whoſe corpſe are neither found alive nor dead, but ſome part and members of his Lady is found, and *diſtinguiſhed* from the reſt of her *Ladies.*

The famous *City of Coſſenſa*, is the *one halfe ruined* and *deſtroyed*, with the *Countrey-houſes thereabouts in the* territory *adjoyning*; *alſo the* Palace *of the Prince*, *the* famous *Convent of the Jeſuites, and the much noted Convent of the* Capuchin Friers.

A great part *of the City of Poala.*

The Balliwicke *belonging to the Knights of* Malta *is wholy deſtroied and of a place of firme land, is become a ſtanding* Lake *and* Water.

The City of Sancta Eufemia, *wholly deſtroyed.*

The

The City of Sancto Biaggio *wholy destroied and utterly ruin'd.*

The great *Castle of* Billiato *wholy ruined and fully destroyed.*

The towne of Cattanzara, *the halfe part or rather more destroied.*

The towne of Beggaria *in part destroied, and ruined very much.*

The towne of Malerno *in part destroied, and the rest much defaced.*

The towne of Pietra Mara *wholy ruined and quite overthrowne.*

The towne of Arelo *wholy ruined, and also quite overthrowne.*

The towne of Bogliono *with the territory thereabout wholy destroied.*

The towne of Marecano *wholy destroied, and utterly laid waste.*

The town of Autilla *wholy ruined.*

The town of Belcello *quite ruin'd.*

The

The towne of Florolito *deſtroied.*
The towne of Monte Sancto *wholy ruined and quite left deſtitute of all.*
The towne of Monte Soro *wholy ruined, and vtterly ouerthrowne.*
The towne of Fulgare *the one half deſtroyed, the other part much ruin'd.*
The towne of Umbraciatico, *the quarter part, or rather more ruined.*
The towne of Macdo *but in part.*
The towne of Sancto Locido *in part ruined, & the reſt much defac'd.*
The towne of Rolian *but in part.*
The towne of Poeſia Mala *in part deſtroied, and the reſt much defaced.*
The town of Ogello *in part ruin'd.*
The towne of Sancta Nicoſia, *drowned, with the Neighbouring Country for five miles circute bordering upon the Sea ſhoare, and many*

others of leſſer note and conſequence, not yet come to our true knowledge.

In theſe Cities *and* Townes *it is reported that there is* Dead, Loſt, Drowned, *and* ſuncke *into the Earth, about fifty thouſand* perſons, *and that there was counted in theſe places twenty ſix thouſand Families great and ſmall: the ſaid Earth-quake having at that one inſtant of time ſpread it ſelfe for the circuite of threeſcore and ten miles in compaſſe, and paſſed from* Callabra *over the Phare of Meſſina, to that Citty where the Belfree was ſhaken, and fell upon the roofe of the principall Church thereof, breaking downe the ſame, with the death of many then at their devotion in the ſaid Church: The Arch-biſhop and Vicar of the ſaid City, with divers other Church-men, who at that inſtant of time were walking neare at hand in a Garden belonging unto the ſame, were thereby freed and ſaved from that preſent danger, and that ſome alſo of the inhabitants of*

theſe

theſe above named Cities, ſaved themſelves by flying away into the fields, and by many other ſtrange and unheard of accidents.

Many other particular reports are ſpread abroad through Italy *of this feareful, heavy, and ſuddaine iudgement, which wee will forbeare to nominate, deſiring Almighty God of his goodneſſe to bleſſe us, and preſerve us, and all men, from theſe, ana the like ſuch dangerous incounters, Amen.*

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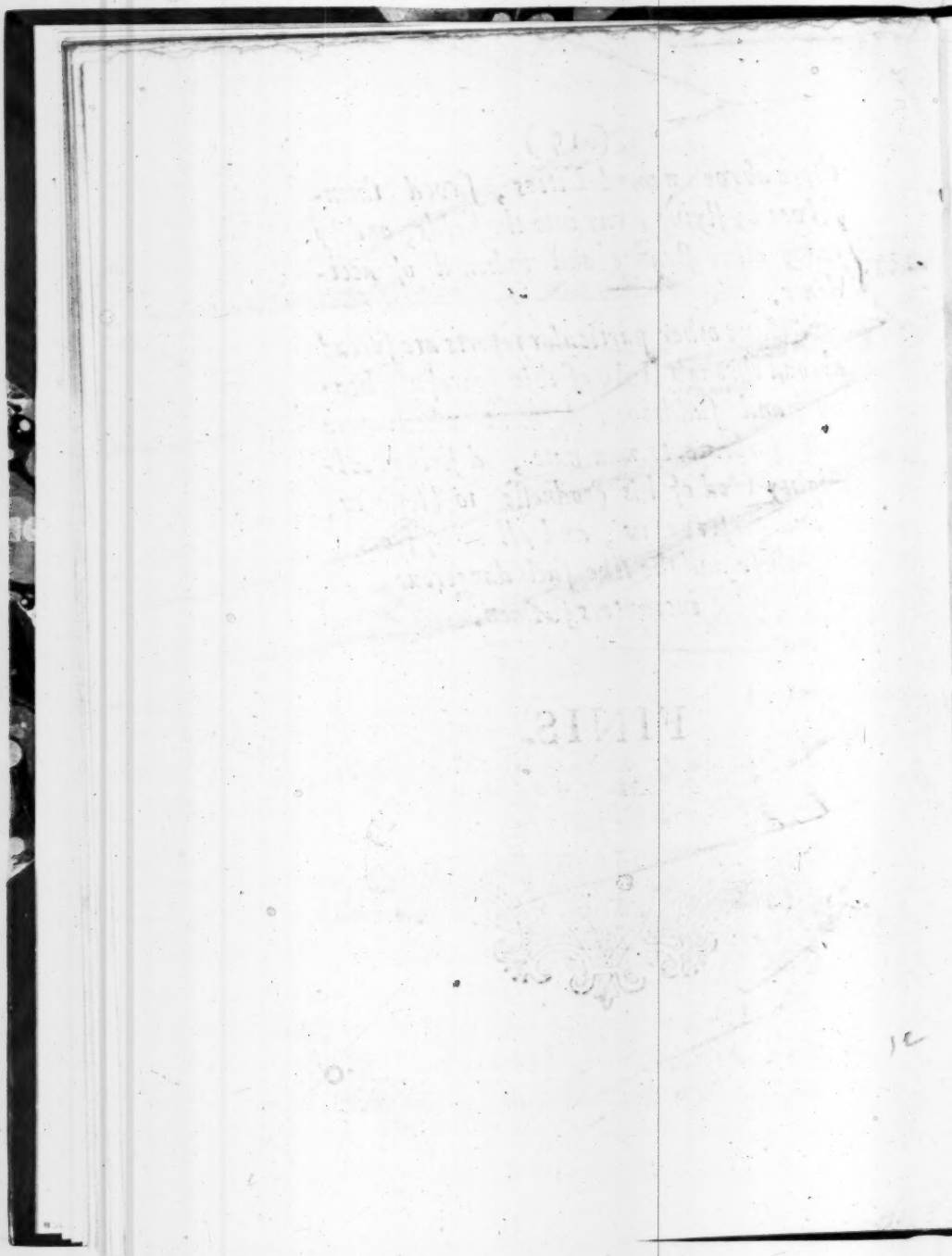

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